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SUBJECT: EXBS: TURKEY ADVISORS MONTHLY REPORT- (NOVEMBER 2005)

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11. Summary: EXBS Advisor continued to shepherd forward several of the EXBS projects that are underway in Turkey despite the lack of a ratified NP Cooperation Agreement, including the Internal Control Program (ICP), Commodity Identification Training (CIT), Product Identification Tool (PIT) and Second Line of Defense (SLD). EXBS Advisor also reviewed Turkey's participation in PSI activities and discussed ways to continue to foster Turkey's engagement in this initiative. Finally, EXBS Advisor continued track the ratification of the NP Cooperation Agreement.

12. Completed Actions for the Reporting Period

1A. Site Assessment and Meetings During Recent Reporting Period

1) November 1- EXBS Advisor met with Serhan Yigit, MFA Arms Control and Disarmament Second Secretary to discuss various non-proliferation issues. Yigit informed EXBS Advisor that the planning for the Turkish led PSI exercise is moving along quickly. Yigit reiterated the desire for U.S. input into which countries Turkey should invite to participate in this exercise. EXBS Advisor informed Yigit that there should be a focus on countries which actively participate in Regional PSI activities and have openly supported PSI. EXBS Advisor also re-inforced the ideas discussed during the U/S Joseph visit about including countries from central Asia. EXBS Advisor provided a list of countries that have EXBS programs as a starting point for consideration as invitees to the exercise as observers. EXBS Advisor inquired into the status of the NP Agreement and was informed that no change to the status of the Agreement. Yigit stated that this lack of action was mainly do to Parliament's preoccupation with the EU Accession process.

2) November 23 - EXBS Advisor met with Guven Begeg, MFA Arms Control and Disarmament First Secretary to discuss various non-proliferation issues and deliver appropriate talking points. Begeg informed EXBS Advisor that the NP Cooperation Agreement is currently before the Foreign Affairs Committee in parliament and hopefully will move to the full parliament soon. EXBS Advisor reiterated the importance of getting the Agreement ratified so that work could move forward in many areas including the Second Line of Defense and other cooperative activities between Turkish and United States Customs. EXBS Advisor proposed a change in the selection process for the local contractor for both the Internal Control Program and Product Identification Tool, this new process will focus on smaller companies that may be more interested in working quickly on the project. Begeg agreed that this could be a good way to get these projects moving quickly but suggested that this proposal be worked out with Foreign Trade and Customs for final approval. Begeg stated that Turkey had sent a 6-person delegation to the Regional Operational Experts Working Group meeting in Hamburg, where Turkey did a comprehensive presentation on their exercise, Anatolian Deer. Finally, Begeg informed EXBS Advisor that TAEK has proposed the end of January for the meeting to between the heads of the Turkish, Iraqi and Jordanian Atomic Energy Authorities. The purpose of the meeting is to build the cooperation between the three countries to improve the nuclear safety program in Iraq.

3) November 25 - EXBS Advisor met with Turkish Atomic Energy Authority (TAEK) Nuclear Safety Department Head Aysun Yucel. EXBS Advisor and Yucel reviewed the current status of the CIT milestones and upcoming events. Yucel stated that preparations between TAEK, Customs and Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade have been completed for the upcoming DOE End Use/End User workshop in December. Also the CIT Core Technical Group will be prepared to meet following the workshop to establish new milestones for the project and prepare for upcoming CIT Train the Trainer course. Finally, Yucel confirmed that TAEK has proposed the end of January to MFA as the time from for the meeting between the heads of the Turkish, Iraqi and Jordanian Atomic Energy Authorities.

4) November 28 - EXBS Advisor and Pol/Mil Off met with Department Head for Customs Enforcement Ender Gurleyik to review Customs activities and EXBS program work. Gurleyik informed EXBS Advisor about recent Customs activities including recent seizures of drugs and counterfeit items. Gurleyik also reviewed recent high level information exchanges that occurred with Germany and the British Customs Authority, these exchanges include the sharing of information, training and best practices concerning operations within Customs areas. Additionally, Gurleyik updated EXBS Advisor on the status of improvements to the Customs gates throughout Turkey.

5) November 30- EXBS Advisor accompanied Econ Counselor and EconOff during a meeting with Head Turkish Ministry of Finance Anti-Money Laundering Authority, Genc Osman Yarasli. The United States policy towards companies that support proliferation and the actions that the United States is taking towards these entities were discussed.

1B. Training Conducted During Reporting Period: None

1C. Equipment Delivered During Reporting Period: None

1D. Imminent Training or Equipment Status Update: None

1E. Significant Developments in Export Controls, Nonproliferation, or Related Border Security: None

13. Future Activities

1A. December 5- 9 - DOE INECP to present End Use/End User workshop to GOT officials.

1B. January (tent)- DOE INECP to conduct CIT Train the Trainer course in Ankara.

1C. February (tent)- DOE SLD to visit Turkey to complete SLD Implementation Agreement and begin scheduling of installation of new SLD equipment.

14. Red Flag Issues: None

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